

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2269 - HB 2371

March 2, 1998

SUMMARY OF BILL: Among other things amends the existing Workers' Compensation Reform Acts of 1992 and 1996 and changes the criminal penalties for fraudulent insurance acts under workers' compensation by making the penalties the same as for theft as follows:

1. Class A misdemeanor, if the value of the property or services obtained is \$500 or less.
2. Class E felony, if the value is more than \$500 but less than \$1,000.
3. Class D felony, if the value is \$1,000 or more but less than \$10,000.
4. Class C felony, if the value is \$10,000 or more but less than \$60,000.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$13,100/Incarcarnation*
Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant
Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Assumes one conviction every year for a Class C felony.

Assumes few if any Class D or Class E convictions.

Impact depends upon the number of persons convicted of this offense and the resulting increased cost to local governments to confine such persons versus the increased revenues to local governments from fines levied and collected under the provisions of this bill.

**Section 9-6-119, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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